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VJS Construction Services Partners with City for Parade Memorial Project

WAUKESHA, Wis. - The City of Waukesha is grateful to announce that VJS Construction Services (VJS) has partnered with the City to help oversee the construction of The Parade Memorial at Grede Park and will be offering some of their services at no cost. VJS had previously made a donation to the Parade Memorial Fund as well.

"I'm appreciative of this partnership with VJS and their contributions to this project," said Mayor Shawn Reilly. "The Parade Memorial at Grede Park is of vital importance to our community as we honor all those impacted by the tragedy and as a community take steps towards healing."

Craig Jorgensen, President & CEO of VJS stated, "As we were part of the many who were personally affected by this tragedy, we felt a strong need to get involved. We're honored to be provided the opportunity to help build and provide a place of remembrance for the community."

In partnership with VJS, the City is looking for additional contractors who would be willing to work on the project with in-kind donations. There are opportunities available in the areas of concrete sidewalks, stairs, retaining walls, decorative metal railings, electrical, earthwork, brick pavers, landscaping and site utilities. Any interested contractors are asked to contact Rebecca Pederson (rpederson@waukesha-wi.gov or 262-524-3906)

In addition, monetary donations are also still needed to help complete The Parade Memorial at Grede Park. Donations can be made online: <https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/residents/waukesha-parade-memorial.php>

The City will dedicate the Main Street Parade Memorial on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, the second anniversary of this tragedy. This Memorial is a marker near the location where the tragedy occurred.

The Parade Memorial at Grede Park is planned to be dedicated on Thursday, November 21, 2024, the third anniversary of the tragedy. This memorial location, near downtown, offers a more reflective space and the opportunity to represent all those impacted by the tragedy.

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